

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A herbicide composition ~~characterized by~~ containing, as effective ingredients,

(A) 2-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)hydroxymethyl]-6-methoxymethyl-N-difluoromethanesulfonylanilide; and

(B) at least one compound selected from:

(1) 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-cyclohexyl-N-ethyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-tetrazole-1-carboxamide,

(2) 3-[1-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-1-methylethyl]-3,4-dihydro-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2H-1,3-oxazin-4-one,

(3) O-3-*tert*-butylphenyl 6-methoxy-2-pyridyl(methyl)-thiocarbamate,

(4) O-ethyl O-6-nitro-*m*-tolyl(RS)-sec-butylphosphoramidothioate,

(5) S-4-chloro-N-isopropylcarbaniloylmethyl O,O-dimethyl ~~phos[[-]]phorodithioate~~  
phosphorodithioate,

(6) methyl 5-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)-2-nitrobenzoate,

(7) 5-*tert*-butyl-3-[2,4-dichloro-5-(prop-2-ynyloxy)-phenyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one,

(8) 3-(2-chloro-4-mesylbenzoyl)-2-phenylthiobicyclo-[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one,

(9) S,S'-dimethyl 2-difluoromethyl-4-isobutyl-6-trifluoro-methylpyridine-3,5-dicarbothioate,

(10) S-ethyl azepane-1-carbothioate,

(11) 2-amino-3-chloro-1,4-naphthoquinone,

(12) methyl 2-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)oxy]-6-[1-(methoxyimino)ethyl]benzoate,

(13) methyl  $\alpha$ -(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl-sulfamoyl)-*o*-toluate,

(14) ethyl

5-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl-sulfamoyl)-1-methylpyrazole-4-carboxylate, and

(15) (RS)-7-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylthio)-3-methyl-2-benzofuran-1(3*H*)-one.

2. **(Original)** The herbicide composition described in claim 1, in which the component (B) is 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-cyclohexyl-N-ethyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-tetrazole-1-carboxamide.

3. **(Withdrawn)** The herbicide composition described in claim 1, in which the component (B) is S,S'-dimethyl 2-difluoromethyl-4-isobutyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-3,5-dicarbothioate.

4. **(Withdrawn)** The herbicide composition described in claim 1, in which the component (B) is 3-(2-chloro-4-mesylbenzoyl)-2-phenylthiobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one.

5. **(Withdrawn)** The herbicide composition described in claim 1, in which the component (B) is 3-[1-(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-1-methylethyl]-3,4-dihydro-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2H-1,3-oxazin-4-one.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method for controlling growth of weeds in a paddy field ~~characterized by~~ which comprises sprinkling the herbicide composition described in claim 1 over the paddy field.

7. **(Original)** The method for controlling growth of weeds in a paddy field described in claim 6 in which the herbicide composition is sprinkled in the form of a powder agent or granulated agent in an amount in the range from 0.1 g to 5 kg per 10 ares area of the paddy field.

8. **(Original)** The method for controlling growth of weeds in a paddy field described in claim 6 in which the herbicide composition is sprinkled in the form of an emulsified agent, liquid agent, flowable agent or hydrated agent, the concentration of the components (A) and (B) as a total therein being in the range from 10 to 100,000 ppm.